IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: R. Zhu
ΓOHRU IKEDA)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Applic	cation No.: 10/764,524)	
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Filed: January 27, 2004)	
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For:	IMAGE PROCESSING)	
	METHOD	:	January 16, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated October 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: